

MASS TIMES

St. Paul Church, 485 Alling St., Kensington
Saturday 4pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12pm

Sacred Heart Church, 48 Cottage St., E. Berlin
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Mass at St. Paul Church

Monday-Friday 7am & 5pm

All Masses are live streamed

CONFESSION

Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm

HOLY HOUR

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Baptism Instruction: 3rd Wednesday of the month

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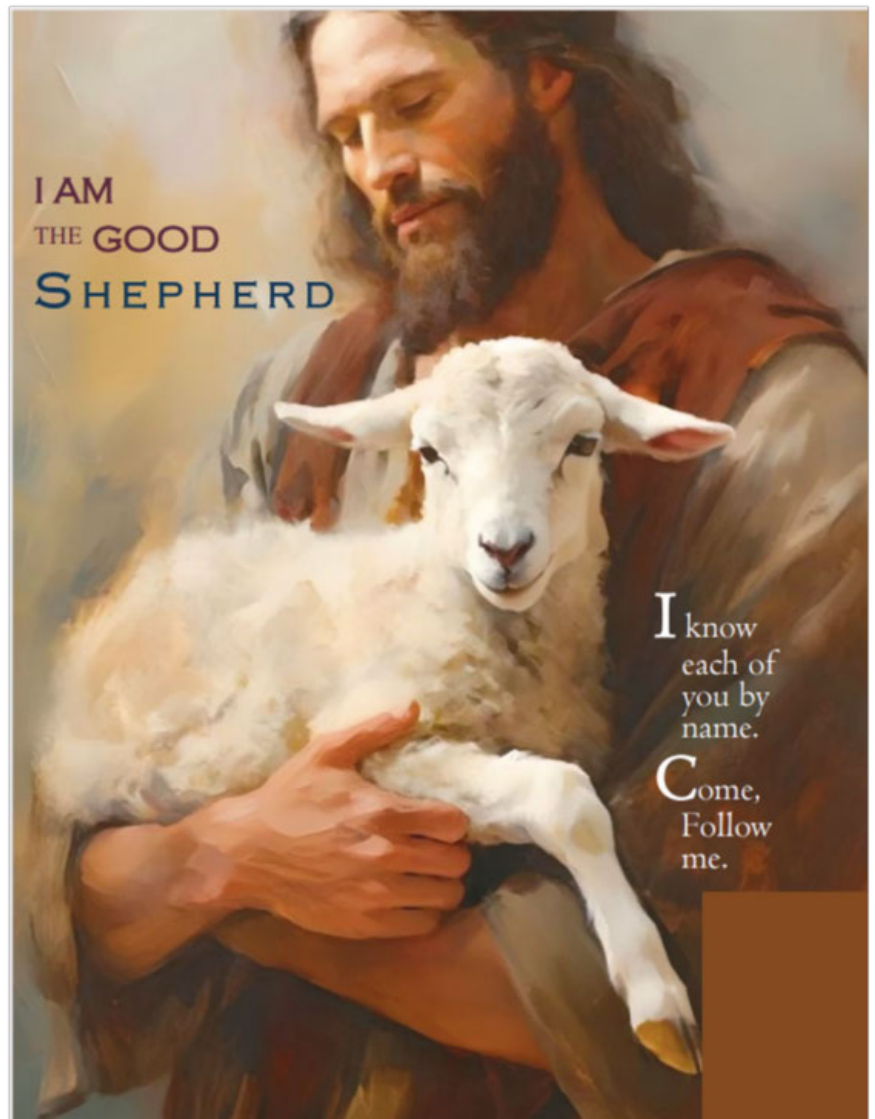
A Franciscan Family of Faith

St. Paul Church - 485 Alling St, Kensington CT 06037

Sacred Heart Church - 48 Cottage St, East Berlin CT 06023

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



FRANCISCAN FRIARS & DEACON



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*"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE,
where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN."*

-Pope Francis

Welcome to Fr. Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. - As I mentioned last week, the Vocation Director for the Franciscan Friars, Fr. Manny Vasconcelos, OFM Conv., is with us this weekend and will have the homily at all of the Masses this weekend.



Those who might feel the Lord calling them to a vocation as a Franciscan Friar are encouraged to speak with Fr. Manny while he is here. You can send him an email at vocations@olaprovince.org. More information is also available at www.olaprovince.org.

Confirmation at the Cathedral - Our 10th grade Confirmation students, 65 of them, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Cathedral on April 20th. We were one of six parishes represented that day. Archbishop Blair presided at the Confirmation and conferred the sacrament on about half of the 160 candidates who were confirmed including all of ours. He was assisted by Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEVM in administering the sacrament. Fr. Anthony Federico delivered a very personal and poignant homily to the candidates and their families.

It takes many people to help prepare our Confirmation students and so I offer special thanks to the following who served as catechists for our Confirmation students: Frank Cocozza, Jay Fazzino, Maura Gaffney, Annette Hines, Celine Hines, Liz Kelly, Christine Vale da Serra as well as Tony Kane and Jenn Nagel who were substitute catechists. May the Lord bless each of you for sharing the gift of faith with our young people.

Congratulations to all of the newly Confirmed, and we look forward to you, now fully initiated in the Catholic faith, to share the unique gifts that God bestows upon you to help make us better as a parish. As Fr. Anthony pointed out to you, your Confirmation is not a graduation, but rather a commissioning for you to take a full and active role in the Church and specifically our parish. May the Lord bless your parents, godparents and sponsors for sharing the gift of faith with you.



First Communions Coming Up - Next weekend, May 4/5, at the 4:00 pm, 9:00 am and 12 Noon Masses and the following weekend May 11/12 (Mother's Day) at the 4:00 pm and 10:30 am Masses there will be 90 of our 3rd graders receiving their 1st Holy Communions. There will be reserved seating for them in the "old" wing noted by the banners on the ends of the pews. There will only be about ten pews (five on each side) at the back of the old wing available for general seating. Those receiving Holy Communion for the first time will

process in and will receive Holy Communion first at those Masses. These are very special moments for our 3rd graders as well as for the parish. Please welcome all of them warmly and if they are seated where you normally sit, I am sure you will understand.

Archbishop Blair - As an insert in this week's bulletin is a letter from Archbishop Blair as his time as the Archbishop of Hartford is winding down, and by the time you read this, may have already ended. You may recall that last June 26th, it was announced that Pope Francis had appointed the Bishop of Burlington, VT, Christopher Coyne, as the Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford. This was done at the request of Archbishop Blair in anticipation of his 75th birthday at which time all Bishops are required to tender a letter of resignation. Archbishop Blair celebrated his 75th birthday on April 12th. Upon the formal acceptance of Archbishop's Blair's resignation by the Holy Father, Archbishop Coyne will automatically become the 14th Bishop and sixth Archbishop of Hartford. Archbishop Blair has indicated that his residence going forward will be at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield and he will continue to serve as he is needed in the Archdiocese. The water must be good in this neck of the woods as there will now be three retired Archbishops including Archbishop Cronin who is 96, Archbishop Mansell, 86, and two retired Auxiliary Bishops, Rosazza, 89, and Macaluso, 78. Archbishop Blair has been a priest nearly 48 years and in July will have been a Bishop for 25 years with the last ten having been the Archbishop of Hartford. Keep him and all of our retired bishops in your prayers.

Friar Franck Ordained a Transitional Deacon - I am sure that many of you remember Friar Franck-Lino Sokpolie, OFM Conv. from his summer assignment at St. Paul's in 2017. Earlier this month, on April 6th, he was ordained a transitional deacon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower in San Antonio by Bishop Gary Janak, an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Friar Franck professed simple (temporary) vows as a Franciscan Friar on July 21, 2016, and his solemn (permanent) vows on July 30, 2021. Friar Franck will spend the next year completing his studies in San Antonio for his Master of Divinity and preparing for his ordination to the priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers.



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INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candles will burn this week for

†Hope Lavery Anniversary Remembrance by family

Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for

†Rena Tolomea 30 Year Anniversary by family



†John Drzata
(Brother of Tom Drzata)

†Ann M. Mattioli

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAYER REQUEST To make a prayer request through our *Daughters of Jarius Prayer Line*, call Terry 860-828-6667 or Pat 860-305-0147 with your confidential request. Please give the first name of the person to be prayed for and the intention.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS Those who have made the offering for the intention for each Mass are invited to present the bread and wine during the Offertory for that Mass. To do so, please arrive at least ten minutes before the start time of the Mass, go to the sacristy and let the sacristan know you would like to bring up the gifts. If no one comes forward by that time, others will be invited to present the gifts.

TO REQUEST A LOW GLUTEN HOST Please arrive for Mass about 10 minutes early, go to the sacristy and let them know you need a low gluten host. Sit near the front of the new wing. Before Communion, look for a Eucharistic Minister to come forward with a consecrated host for you.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
*Defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.*



Saturday, April 27, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 †Anne Gay by family

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 †Robert Banasiewicz Birthday Remembrance

by wife and family

9:00 †Hope Lavery 1 Year Anniversary by family

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 †Tony and †Josephine Cabrera by Ted and Patti Young

12:00 †Blake and †Jeff Carfi

by mom Liz, Devon and Samantha

Monday, April 29, 2024 St. Catherine of Siena

7:00 †Rich by wife

5:00 †Mary Catherine Sakowicz by Deb and Doug Sanders

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 St. Pius V

7:00 †Stephen and †Barbara Sandwell by son

†Tom O'Horo by Marian Matosky

William Sedgwick by mom

†Eddie Mazarowski by Joanne and Joe

†Ines Tee by brother

8:45 †Kathy Manion by St. Paul Parish Council

5:00 †Constance Davey by Tom and Marlene Drzata

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 St. Joseph the Worker

7:00 †Steve, †Kirsten and †Eloise by Gail and Rich

5:00 †Souls in Purgatory by Rachela Maltese

Thursday, May 2, 2024 St. Athanasius

7:00 †Stanley Gable by wife Carole

5:00 †Souls in Purgatory by John and Linda Nappi, Jr.

John Nappi, Jr. by wife

†Lorenzo Leone by Michelle Leone

†Angela DeFrancesco by Tina Angeli

†Miroslaw Dabek by family

Friday, May 3, 2024 Sts. Philip and James

7:00 †Robert J. Fitzsimmons by wife Anita and children

5:00 †Janis Francalancia 3 Year Anniversary

by Francalancia family

Saturday, May 4, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 Emma Pagano Development by grandma

Sunday, May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 †Steven Damato 1st Anniversary by wife and family

9:00 Patricia Gebhardt by sister Joan

9:30 Parishioners of Saint Paul Parish

10:30 †Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Siembab by Leann Cormier

12:00 Robert Fritz Healing by family

Parish Collection

April 16-22, 2024

In Church SP	\$	8,447
Office	\$	2,039
In Church SH	\$	499
Online Giving	\$	4,697
Total	\$	15,682

HOSPITAL VISITS Our friars will be happy to visit you or your loved one in the hospital if you kindly send a request. Call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

National Day of Prayer - A National Day of Prayer was established by Congress and signed into law by President Truman in 1952. In 1988, President Reagan established that the National Day of Prayer should be held on the first Thursday in May. Thus, this Thursday, May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer this year. Here in the Town of Berlin there will be a public gathering for the National Day of Prayer at the Veterans Memorial near Stop and Shop at 6 pm. All are invited to come and pray for our nation.



HomeFront - This year's HomeFront Day is this Saturday, May 4. Since HomeFront had no eligible candidates from Berlin, the family being helped this year is an elderly woman and her disabled daughter who live in New Britain. More volunteers are still needed. Bob Fischer coordinates the more skilled labor that is needed for this project. He may be contacted via email at fischerwoodworking@snet.net. Volunteers are also needed to do more general things and that assistance is also greatly needed. See page 7 for details.

Do This in Memory of Me - Thanks to the 389 parish families who have already made a gift or pledge to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA), we are closing in on the \$100,000 mark and are at 80% of our goal of \$120,000. If you have not yet made your gift to the AAA this year please consider prayerfully what you can do to support the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift matters, and every gift is important, because of the people who are helped.

Feast of the Ascension - Next Thursday, May 9th is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that all who are able are obliged to attend Mass for this Feast. There will be a Vigil Mass at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 8, and on Thursday there will be Masses at 7 am, 8:45 am, 12 Noon, and 7 pm.

Mother's Day Memorials - With Mother's Day just two weeks away, please note that all Mother's Day memorials must be received by this Friday, May 3rd to be included in the Mother's Day (May 12) bulletin. These Memorials can also be submitted online. Memorials received after May 3 will be printed in a subsequent bulletin.

Final Thoughts - *The woman said, "I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey, but then I turned myself around."* The NHL and NBA playoffs are underway, and Boston fans are hopefully optimistic once again this post season. How did your team do in the draft? None of us will really know for at least three years. With the MLB season being 162 games, and even with 1/7 of it completed, it is still way too early to know how things will shake out come October. Have a blessed week! - Fr. Joe



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

APRIL 28, 2024

For readings online, scan or visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042824.cfm>



First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. .

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Alleluia: John 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY?

Our next Registration Meeting is **Monday, May 13** at 7pm in the St. Paul Church Hall at 7pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331 or email us at ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday, May 19** at **10:30 am**. All children are invited to participate in any of the following roles:

- * Greeter
- * Lector
- * Prayers of the Faithful
- * Gift Bearer

Parents, to sign up your child, scan the QR code or use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A5A628A0F94-childrens9#/>



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Our fourth grade students and teachers had a great time on their recent field trip to Mystic Aquarium!



Our first grade students had a special in-house field trip last week with *High Touch High Tech of CT*. They learned about Motion and Stability, and Forces and Interactions.



The 35th Annual **SPS Golf Open** will be held on **Monday June 10th** at Timberlin Golf Course in Berlin!
8:30am Registration. 10am Shotgun Start.

Details, tickets, registration and more:
<https://ourschool.support/SPS35thGolfOpen>

Questions? Contact Denise Nowakowski at d.nowakowski@stpaulkensington.org.



SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

Now accepting applications for 2024-2025.

Apply/learn more on our admissions page:

<https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/admissions>

Website: <https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org/>

 Saint Paul School Kensington CT

 [saintpaul.school](https://www.instagram.com/saintpaul.school)



Kelly Esposito

Admissions Director

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Confirmation students were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Sat., April 20 by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair.

Thanks to our catechists: Frank Coccozza, Jay Fazzino, Maura Gaffney, Annette Hines, Celine Hines, Liz Kelly and Christine Vale da Serra. Below are a few photos.

Pictures taken by the Archdiocese's professional photographers will be available online in a few weeks at: aohphotos.com/Confirmations.

Gabe Satalino with his sponsor, Molly Satalino.



Our smiling Confirmandi and their sponsors waiting for the ceremony to start.



Archbishop Blair confirms Grace Buchholz with sponsor Kathryn Starace by her side.



Archbishop Blair confirms Nicolas DiDomenico with sponsor Karen Cote by his side.



PASTORAL COUNCIL-APRIL MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

The Pastoral Council met on Monday, April 15, 2024. In attendance were Fathers Joe, Michael, and Martin, Mary Corrigan, Bud Volz, Betty Lasker, Roland Baikal, Maura Chasse, Fayne Molloy, Elaine Pavasaris, Ed Schmitt, Nancy Timbrell, Deacon Julio, and guest Bob Fischer.

Bob Fischer gave a summary of the HomeFront organization as well as the plans for this year's Homefront Project. Bob explained that HomeFront is an American offshoot similar to Habitat for Humanity of which the parish has been involved in for over fifteen years. Individuals, who must meet income levels as well as a significant level of need, submit an application for consideration. They are asked to discuss the impact that the requested repairs will have on their ability to remain in the home. They also agree to live in the home for 5 years after the needed projects are completed. Evaluators from HomeFront visit the home and determine if the applicant is a good match for the program. Once a determination is made, HomeFront picks projects that are matches to the skill levels of the volunteer organizations. This year the St. Paul Parish group of volunteers will be working on a home in New Britain lived in by an elderly woman and her daughter who is disabled. Repairs to the home will include, but are not limited to, numerous replacement windows, staining the back deck, sealing the front door and various yard work projects.

Bob explained that major corporations such as Home Depot generously contribute materials each year. Our parish also donates \$3,000 annually to HomeFront to help cover miscellaneous expenses. This year's HomeFront is being led by Lynn Misteri. Volunteers interested in helping can contact Lynn.

Father Joe shared that the parish will no longer be participating in the St. Roch Raffle. What used to be one raffle run by St. Roch's parish has become two raffles. The St. Roch's raffle is now limited to parishes within the diocese of Bridgeport. The other, and larger raffle, has been separately incorporated as Catholic Parish Initiative, LLC with its by-laws, officers, and other expenses. Father felt it best to withdraw and plans to investigate the possibility of running our own raffle to make up for the lost revenue. More details will be forthcoming.

Father Martin shared that Father Manny Vasconcelos, from Our Lady of Angels Province, Vocation Office, will be visiting the parish from April 27-29. He will preach during the weekend Masses and will visit the school on Monday. His visit is in addition to the Archdiocese's ongoing efforts to promote vocations. Father Martin also noted that there is a focused effort to raise the consciousness of individuals to not only priesthood and religious life, but also married life. He noted the professional group that the Archdiocese has hired to provide parishes with success-proven instructional materials some of which have already been purchased. *Called by Name* weekend will occur in our parish the weekend of June 15/16 when parishioners will be encouraged to solicit names of individuals who they feel could possibly be called to a vocation as a priest or to religious life. More details will follow.

Deacon Julio provided a financial update on the church and the school, both of which are functioning in the black and according to budget benchmarks. The school's budget for the 2024-25 school year was unanimously recommended by the St. Paul School Board to the St. Paul Parish Finance Council which likewise unanimously approved it. It has since been passed on to the Archdiocese. There are currently 234 students enrolled in the school and the projected budgeted enrollment for next year is 244. As part of this budget the school has implemented a formal pay scale for St. Paul School teachers. Julio highlighted that the new salary scale is currently set at 75% of the Berlin Public School salary scale. This increase in salary is meant to recruit and maintain highly qualified, dedicated teachers. The parish is examining two capital improvement projects for the church which include replacing carpeting in the church and needed repairs for the bell tower.

Each of the four subcommittees of the Pastoral Council, Spiritual Life and Worship, Parish and Community Outreach, Youth, Family and Community Life, and Evangelization and Faith Formation summarized the progress each has made on their respective goals. Details of planned events will be published in the bulletin and on the church website.

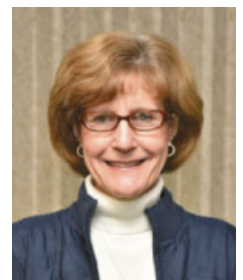
Robin Veronesi submitted a written report to the council. She reviewed the events that had taken place during the Sacrament Season and listed the five Masses for students receiving their First Communion. These Masses will be on the weekends of May 4/5 and 11/12. The final classes for the religious education students in grades 1-8 will be held on April 21st and 28th. The next children's Mass is scheduled for May 19th.

Jill Conaway also submitted a written report to the council. In it, she updated the current enrollment and status of the current faculty. She indicated that, as on now, all current faculty have indicated their intent to return next school year. Thanks to the generosity of attendees at the recently held school auction, over \$17,000 was raised that will cover the cost of the teachers' technology wish lists with a reserve for future needs. The registration process in the new FACTS Student Information System (SIS) has gone well. Total proceeds from the auction will be in excess of \$63,000. Jill and Julio will be trained on the Grant and Financial Aid module and will begin going through applications after the May 1st deadline. Teachers will be trained on FACTS at the end of April.

Fathers Michael and Martin reported on the status of the Scripture Study and Men's and Women's groups respectively. All groups continue to have active members and will soon be wrapping their sessions up for the summer.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for June 17th. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Lasker, Secretary



POLISH DINNER—THANK YOU!

My Brother Knights and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the parishioners and friends of St. Paul Parish for their support of our annual Polish Night Dinner. The event was a great success because of you! Your generosity will help us to continue offering academic scholarships to Berlin residents and children of Brother Knights when they attend Catholic Schools or begin their college education.



Your continued support of the charitable efforts of this Knights of Columbus Council remind us how blessed we are to be part of this parish community. May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

With deepest gratitude, and warmest wishes,

Bud Volz, Grand Knight
Msgr. Thomas L Greylish Council 3675
Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Msgr. Thomas L. Greylish Council 3675 awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Pictured L to R: Bud Voltz, Grand Knight, Scholarship Recipients Isabella Yasmin and Samantha Sein, and Trustee Tom Drzata. Congratulations Isabella and Samantha!



HOMEFRONT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The HomeFront program provides free home repairs to low-income homeowners, enabling them to remain in their homes. Volunteers work with professionals to repair, paint, and improve property conditions.

HomeFront 2024 is Saturday, May 4th. All volunteers, age 14 and older, are enthusiastically welcomed. You may work the entire day (7:30 am to 5pm) or any window of time that your schedule allows. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Consider being part of our HomeFront team! Whether you are a skilled professional experienced in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc. or you are able to help with everyday tasks such as yard cleanup, please join us!



To sign up today, scan the QR code or visit <https://stpaulkensington.org/homefront>

Questions? Call Diane 860-716-9410 or Lynn 860-913-5448. Skilled workers: email Bob at fischerwoodworking@snet.net.

LADIES' GUILD FUNDRAISER Support the St Paul Ladies' Guild Scholarship/Charity Fundraiser by dining at or ordering from Puerto Vallarta Restaurant on April 30th!



Puerto Vallarta Restaurant
2385 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT
860-667-8080

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 3:00- 10:30 pm. Please mention the Ladies' Guild when ordering! 20% of all eat in or take out orders will be donated to the Ladies' Guild. Thank-you for your support!

LADIES' GUILD MEETING

All ladies of the parish are invited to join in praying the Rosary together on **Wednesday, May 1st** at 6:30 pm. We will meet in St. Paul Church and then move to the Church Hall for fellowship and an activity. We hope to see you there!



Food item contribution: Pasta and Sauce

ROSARY MAKERS

All are welcome to join our Rosary Makers at their next meeting which will be held on **Monday, May 6th** at 1:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Contact Lynn Misteri at 860-913-5448 with any questions or to learn more about this ministry.

ST. CLARE FOOD PANTRY & MOBILE FOODSHARE



The Pantry is currently in need of the following items:
Tomato sauce, mayo, frosting, pudding/jello snacks, cereal, oatmeal, hot chocolate, canned fruits/vegetables, canned chicken, rice and rice sides.

Volunteers will transport food from St. Paul to Sacred Heart and set up for distribution on **Thurs., May 9 at 9:30am.** Volunteers will also help with food distribution on **Fri., May 10 at 11am** at Sacred Heart Church.

For transportation to FoodShare at Sacred Heart, call the Berlin Senior Center at 860-828-7006.

For information about our parish St. Clare Food Pantry or the FoodShare program including volunteering, contact Nancy at 860-601-7866 or n.timbrell@stpaulkensington.org.

Attention Parents of High School Students:

Encourage your son/daughter to attend the Steubenville East Youth Conference this summer!

Take advantage of this opportunity for your child to come together with thousands of teens from across the northeast for this fun and life-changing weekend!



Steubenville EAST Youth Conference | July 26-28, 2024

All high school students, from rising HS freshmen through rising COLLEGE freshmen, are invited and encouraged to attend this retreat that includes Chick-fil-A, a service project, a t-shirt and more! Registration is open!

The event will be held in Springfield, MA at the MassMutual Center. To learn more, scan the QR code or visit us at <https://stpaulkensington.org/go-to-steubie>

Contact Josh Kay, Youth Minister, at j.kay@stpaulkensington.org if you are interested in attending.

Space is limited. **Register today!**



'Create and Inspire' LifeTeen Event

Thanks to all of our high school students who joined us on April 13th at The Art Studio of CT for a fun and creative Sunday afternoon!



Below: Members of our Youth Ministry Core Team (adult volunteers) along with our Youth Minister, Josh, and some of our high school artists! Nice work everyone!



LifeTeen!

Sunday, May 5th

All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for our next LifeTeen Night on **Sunday, May 5th** from 6:30-8:00pm in the St. Paul Church Hall.

Topic: "Winners Circle"

This night will help teens understand the role that the saints and martyrs play in our lives. We will have chips and salsa and look into some saints with a hispanic background in honor of cinco de mayo! Join us and bring a friend!



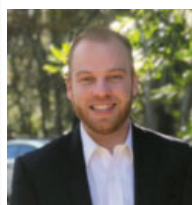
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Sunday, May 19

All middle school students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on **Sunday, May 19th**, from **1:00 - 2:30pm** in the St. Paul Church Hall for our next event.

Topic: "New Destination"

Join us for a night on the effects of the Eucharist. How does our reception of the Eucharist change us?

Bring a friend and find out! See you there!



ST. PAUL PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Joshua Kay
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

PRAYER LIST If you would like to **add** someone to our Prayer List or to let us know that a name can be **removed**, call 860-828-0331 or email ourchurch@stpaulkensington.org. Please be sure to ask for permission from the person to be added to the list. Thank you.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Our Helping Hands Ministry assists with the concerns of our senior parishioners. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about this ministry, please contact Mark Duplin at 860-666-0162 or mfduplin@outlook.com. We would love to have you join us!



ATTENTION KNITTERS Please continue to knit hats and scarves for children ages 10-18 throughout the spring and summer months. Our Social Action Ministry is collecting the items at this time. As the cold weather approaches in the fall, the items will be distributed to the children who are served by Underground New England, a grass-roots, faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation throughout New England. There is a supply of yarn at St. Paul Church. All finished hats can be placed in the plastic bins located down the stairs near the elevator entrance of the church. Call Cheryl with any questions: 860-218-3177.

WOMEN OF FAITH

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next Women of Faith gathering at 7pm on **Thursday, June 13th*** in the St. Paul Church Hall.



Please join us in Faith, Friendship and Fellowship.

Please email Cheryl, Lynn or Karen with any questions at womenoffaith@stpaulkensington.org.

*Note: There will be no meeting on Thursday, May 9th as that is a holy day of obligation, The Ascension of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY Our Children's Rosary group meets at **10am** at Sacred Heart Church on the **first Saturday** of each month. Consider joining us on **Saturday, May 4th** as we honor Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome! The children lead the rosary, and others who are present pray along. Questions? Email Cheryl Batter: cherylbatter@att.net.



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The Town of Berlin's **National Day of Prayer** Gathering will be held on **Thursday, May 2, 2024** from 6 pm to 7 pm at Veterans Memorial Park, across from Stop & Shop.



Please join us as we pray for our Nation, specifically for the Seven Centers of Influence in our nation:

Government, Military/First Responders, Media-Arts, Business, Education, Church and Family. The national theme for this year is "*Lift up the Word - Light Up the World*", 2 Samuel 22:29-31. The Government's Proclamation will be read by Mayor Mark Kaczynski. *As Christians this is a powerful opportunity to pray in the Name of Jesus Christ in the public square for our nation.* We hope you will join us! If any St. Paul Parishioners are interested in leading one of the prayers of the Seven Centers of Influence, please call the parish office as soon as possible. For more information about the National Day of Prayer, visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, April 27

- 6:30am TMIY - SPH
- 8:30am Confessions
- 11:30am Funeral Home Svc +Mattioli
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 28

- 7:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 1-SPS
- 9:15am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 2-SPS
- 10:45am Gr. 1-8 Rel Ed Session 3-SPS

Monday, April 29

- NWEA MAP testing
- 8:10am Fr. Manny Assembly and 7/8 class visits
- 8:45am Parish Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

- NWEA MAP testing
- 8:45am School Mass: Gr. K-2
- 3:30pm Varsity Soccer Practice
- 4:00pm Holy Hour Adoration
- 5:00pm Coach Mark AAU Practice
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - PC LL
- 6:30pm Fr. Michael PC1

Wednesday, May 1

- NWEA MAP testing
- 12:30 Dismissal - Staff meeting
- 6:00pm Rosary - SHC
- 6:00pm Exultations - SPC
- 6:30pm Ladies' Guild Rosary and Meeting - SPH
- 7:00pm K of C Leadership Mtg-PC1

Thursday, May 2

- NWEA MAP testing
- 9:00am Quilters - SPH
- 10:00am First Thursday Calls
- 3:30pm Varsity Soccer Practice
- 4:00pm Girl Scouts - art room
- 5:00pm Coach Mark AAU Practice
- 6:30pm Bereavement - SPH (Rear)
- 7:00pm RCIA - PC-1

Friday, May 3

- NWEA MAP testing
- 9:00am First Friday Calls
- 7:30pm AA Meeting - SPH

The final class of Religious Ed for Grades 1-8 will be Sunday, April 28th.

First Friday-May 3
 First Saturday-May 4
 Learn about these Devotions here:



Saturday, May 4

- 8:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Children's Rosary SHC
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 4:00pm Mass-1st Communion A

Sunday, May 5

- 9:00am Mass-1st Communion B
- 12:00pm Mass-1st Communion C
- 1:30pm Baptisms
- 6:30pm LifeTeen SPH



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